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Public Notification for City of Temple Water System

(TEMPLE, TX – August 1, 2016) The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has notified the **CITY OF TEMPLE** TX0140005, that the drinking water being supplied to customers had exceeded the maximum contaminant level (MCL) for total trihalomethanes (TTHMs). The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has established the MCL for total trihalomethanes to be 0.080 milligrams per liter (mg/L) based on locational running annual average (LRAA), and has determined that it is a health concern at level above the MCL. Analysis of drinking water in your community for total trihalomethanes indicates a compliance value in:

Quarter two 2016

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| 1. 0.105 mg/L for DMP2-01 | 5. 0.100 mg/L for DMP2-05 |
| 2. 0.106 mg/L for DMP2-02 | 6. 0.100 mg/L for DMP2-06 |
| 3. 0.105 mg/L for DMP2-03 | 7. 0.107 mg/L for DMP2-07 |
| 4. 0.098 mg/L for DMP2-04 | 8. 0.103 mg/L for DMP2-08 |

Trihalomethanes are a group of volatile organic compounds that are formed when chlorine, added to the water during the treatment process for disinfection, reacts with naturally-occurring organic matter in the water.

Some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL at a rate of approximately 2 liters per day for many (70+) years may experience problems with their liver, kidney, or central nervous systems, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

You do not need to use an alternative water supply. However, if you have health concerns, you may want to talk to your doctor to get more information about how this may affect you.

Since elevated readings last posted in March, individual sample results have consistently been below regulatory limits. Due to TCEQ localized running 12 month averages and reporting calculations, the system remains out of compliance.

The City of Temple is taking the following actions to address this issue:

- Optimizing the effective use of alternative disinfection for the removal of natural organic material prior to introduction into the treatment process flow stream.
- Additional internal process sampling and system flushing on a regular basis will be used to determine best management practices.

City of Temple Utility Director, Damon Boniface, anticipates the system to return to a compliant status by the end of Quarter 4, 2016. He states that it is important to understand that the safety of our drinking water is always a primary focus and our water has always been safe to drink. “We will continue to treat and monitor all water continuously to insure our customers receive the highest quality of water available. Water customers will receive an official notification with their August utility bill.”

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

If you have any questions concerning this notice, you may contact **Scott Edwards** or **Damon Boniface** at **(254) 298-5940**.

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